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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the latest guidance we have received from the Dept. of Education.

In line with government advice on social distancing, it is vitally important that children **do not attend school**, if at all possible. If children can **stay at home**, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a key worker, then provision will be available for them. This will be childcare not schooling. This only applies to the days the key worker is actually working.

1. Key workers' children

The list of key worker groups, from the DFE website, has been emailed to you and is also on DoJo

2. Vulnerable children

The government has defined 'vulnerable children' as those who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#).

3. Free school meals

Children who are entitled to receive free school meals will continue to have a lunch provided. A separate letter to FSM families will follow.

The government will be introducing a system for families in receipt of free school meals whereby families will receive vouchers to spend in supermarkets. More information will follow as soon as we are able to set the system up.

4. What should parents do now?

- Keep your child at home unless it is essential that they attend.
- If applicable, please complete the attached form and email it back to school today.

If you have any questions, please get in touch

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate Mather'.

Kate Mather

Headteacher